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AB The invention pertains to the discovery of antigenic cross reactivity between a pancreatic 64K autoantigen and glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD). Autoantibodies toward GAD were found to be associated with insulin dependent diabetes (IDD). More specifically, the invention pertains to the use of GAD for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of insulin dependent diabetes (IDD).

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TITLE: Identification and characterization of a novel member of the fibroblast growth factor family.

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AB A new member of the fibroblast growth factor (FGF) family, FGF-13, has been molecularly cloned as a result of high throughput sequencing of a **human** ovarian cancer cell library. The open reading frame of the novel **human** gene (1419 bp) encodes for a protein of 216 a.a.

with a molecular weight of 22 kDa. The FGF-13 **sequence** contains an amino-terminal hydrophobic region of 23 a.a. characteristic of a signal

secretion **sequence**. FGF-13 is most homologous, 70% similarity at the amino acid level, to FGF-8. Northern hybridization analysis demonstrated prominent expression of FGF-13 in **human** foetal and adult brain, particularly in the cerebellum and cortex. In proliferation studies with BaF3 cells, FGF-13 preferentially activates cell clones expressing either FGF receptor variant, 3-IIIc or 4. The signal transduction pathways of FGF-13 and FGF-2 were compared in rat

hippocampal

astrocytes. The two FGFs induce an equivalent level of tyrosine phosphorylation of mitogen activated protein kinase (MAPK) and c-raf activation. However, FGF-13 is more effective than FGF-2 in inducing the phosphorylation of phospholipase C-gamma (PLC-gamma). Treatment of neuronal cultures from rat embryonic cortex with FGF-13 increases the number of **glutamic acid decarboxylase**

immunopositive neurons, the level of high-affinity gamma-aminobutyric acid

(GABA) uptake, and choline acetyltransferase enzyme activity. The GABAergic neuronal response to FGF-13 treatment is rapid with a significant increase occurring within 72 h. We have identified a novel member of the FGF family that is expressed in the central nervous system (CNS) and increases the number as well as the level of phenotypic differentiation of cortical neurons in vitro.

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TITLE: Identification of mimicry peptides based on sequential motifs of epitopes derived from 65-kDa glutamic acid decarboxylase.

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AB Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) is an autoimmune disease with a

predominantly non-hereditary etiology that results in a destruction of pancreatic beta cells by autoaggressive T lymphocytes. Neither the mechanism of initial stimulation of these T cells nor the nature of the environmental factors implicated in the disease have so far been identified. However, both issues are taken into account by the hypothesis of initial T cell activation by viral or bacterial mimicry peptides with **sequence** similarities to pancreatic self antigens. We determined sequential epitope motifs to search for mimicry peptides stimulating T cell lines specific for two epitopes derived from the IDDM autoantigen 65-kDa **glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD65).

These were GAD65 (88-99), presented by HLA-DRB1*0101, and GAD65 (248-257),

presented by HLA-DR65*0101. T cell stimulation by peptides with substitutions in HLA anchor or T cell contact positions was analyzed to establish degenerate epitope motifs for database searching. Out of 28 tested candidate mimicry peptides derived from bacterial, viral and **human** proteins, 3 stimulated T cell lines and a T cell clone specific for epitope GAD65 (248-257). Our results demonstrate that mono- and polyclonal GAD65-specific T cells from IDDM patients can be

stimulated

by viral and bacterial peptides with little apparent **sequence** homology with autoantigenic epitopes. Moreover, in a synopsis with

related

published studies, our findings suggest that simple degenerate search motifs comprising principal T cell contacts plus HLA class II binding motifs may suffice to identify most mimicry peptides.

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TITLE: Inverse polymerase chain reaction mediated chromosome walking within the **human** glutamic acid decarboxylase gene.
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AB Using inverse polymerase chain reaction (PCR), we have cloned partial intronic sequences from **human glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD) gene. A small 153 bp core region was selected from the GAD cDNA **sequence** to design outward primers corresponding to its 3' and 5' ends. EcoRI digested **human** DNA which had been circularized by self-ligation and then linearized with SacII was used as a substrate to carry out PCR. This gave a 900 bp long product which was cloned into pUC 19. The **sequence** analysis of this fragment revealed the presence of introns in the region flanking the selected core DNA. In this work we used this technique to walk into the upstream region of the GAD gene using **sequence** information from its cloned cDNA.

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TITLE: **Sequence** and expression of **glutamic acid decarboxylase** isoforms in the developing zebrafish
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AB We describe the isolation two glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) cDNAs from zebrafish with over 84% identity to **human** GAD65 and GAD67. In situ hybridization studies revealed that both GAD65 and GAD67 were expressed in the early zebrafish embryo during the period of axonogenesis, suggesting a role for GABA prior to synapse formation. Both GAD genes were detected in the telencephalon, in the nucleus of the medial longitudinal fasciculus in the midbrain, and at the border regions of the rhombomeres in the rostral hindbrain. In the caudal hindbrain, only GAD67 was detected (in neurons with large-caliber axons). In the spinal cord, both GAD genes were detected in dorsal longitudinal neurons, commissural secondary ascending neurons, ventral longitudinal neurons, and Kolmer-Agduhr neurons. Immunohistochemistry for gamma -aminobutyric acid (GABA) revealed that GABA is produced at all sites of GAD expression, including

the novel cells in the caudal hindbrain. These results are discussed in the context of the hindbrain circuitry that supports the escape response. We conclude that fish, like mammals, have two GAD genes. The zebrafish GAD65 and GAD67 are present in identified neurons in the forebrain, midbrain, hindbrain, and spinal cord, and they catalyze the production of GABA in the developing embryo.

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TITLE: T-cell epitopes in type 1 diabetes autoantigen tyrosine phosphatase IA-2: Potential for mimicry with rotavirus and other environmental agents.

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AB The tyrosine phosphatase IA-2 is a molecular target of pancreatic islet autoimmunity in type 1 diabetes. T-cell epitope peptides in autoantigens have potential diagnostic and therapeutic applications, and they may hold clues to environmental agents with similar sequences that could trigger or exacerbate autoimmune disease. We identified 13 epitope peptides in IA-2 by measuring peripheral blood T-cell proliferation to 68 overlapping, synthetic peptides encompassing the intracytoplasmic domain of IA-2 in

six

at-risk type 1 diabetes relatives selected for HLA susceptibility haplotypes. The dominant epitope, VIVMLTPLVEDGVKQC (aa 805820), which elicited the highest T-cell responses in all at-risk relatives, has 56% identity and 100% similarity over 9 amino acids (aa) with a

sequence in VP7, a major immunogenic protein of **human** rotavirus. Both peptides bind to HLA-DR4(*0401) and are deduced to present

identical aa to the T-cell receptor. The contiguous **sequence** of VP7 has 75% identity and 92% similarity over 12 aa with a known T-cell epitope in **glutamic acid decarboxylase**

(GAD), another autoantigen in type 1 diabetes. This dominant IA-2 epitope peptide also has 75-45% identity and 88-64% similarity over 8-14 aa to sequences in Dengue, cytomegalovirus, measles, hepatitis C, and canine distemper viruses, and the bacterium Haemophilus influenzae. Three other IA-2 epitope peptides are 71-100% similar over 7-12 aa to herpes, rhino-, hanta- and flaviviruses. Two others are 80-82% similar over 10-11 aa to sequences in milk, wheat, and bean proteins. Further studies should now

be

carried out to directly test the hypothesis that T-cell activation by rotavirus and possibly other viruses, and dietary proteins, could trigger or exacerbate beta-cell autoimmunity through molecular mimicry with IA-2 and (for rotavirus) GAD.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:3610 AIDSLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: MED-99054184

TITLE: Peptide from glutamic acid decarboxylase similar to coxsackie B virus stimulates IFN-gamma mRNA expression in Th1-like lymphocytes from children with recent-onset insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

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AB At the clinical onset of insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (type 1 diabetes), inflammation within the pancreatic islets of Langerhans causes insulinitis. CD4+ or Th-lymphocytes will be activated after stimulation resulting in interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma) production by Th1-like lymphocytes and/or interleukin-4 (IL-4) secretion from Th2-like lymphocytes. The antigens responsible for this activation are unknown,

but

studies have suggested **glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD) to be a possible candidate. One peptide from this enzyme (amino acid 247-279) with a similar amino acid **sequence** to coxsackie B virus may cause lymphocyte proliferation in diabetic patients. In this study we have shown that this peptide activates Th1-like lymphocytes which produce increased amounts of IFN-gamma mRNA, but seldom mRNA for IL-4. Lymphocytes from healthy HLA-matched controls (DR3/4) did not respond with an upregulated mRNA expression for these cytokines when stimulated by the GAD-peptide ($P < 0.05$). A low or absent expression of IFN-gamma mRNA was significantly correlated to a high fasting C-peptide at 3 months' duration ($P < 0.05$). In conclusion, we suggest that GAD65 is involved in the development of type

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diabetes and that the Th1-response may play a role in the destruction of beta cells.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:405106 BIOSIS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199800405106

TITLE: Peptide specificity of high-titer anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD)65 autoantibodies.

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AB To study systematically the linear epitope specificity of anti-**glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD) autoantibodies associated with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM),

we produced 93 overlapping 12-residue synthetic peptides derived from the **sequence** of the **human** GAD65 protein and covering the entire length of the protein. These peptides were used as antigens in an enzyme immunoassay to screen the sera from 10 IDDM patients, all of which contained at high level autoantibodies directed against GAD65. Three out of ten (30%) IDDM patients had antibodies that reacted with one or more

of

the synthetic peptides. Two of the peptide-reactive IDDM sera, which also bound denatured recombinant GAD65 on western blots, had the highest

titers

of anti-GAD antibodies in ELISA assay. Moreover, the anti-GAD antibodies-GAD complexes formed with these sera were characterized by low dissociation rates, indicative of their good stability. A fine

specificity

analysis, using analogs of antigen peptide 1 (residues 1-12), allowed us to identify the residues at positions 5-9 (GSGFW) as critical for

antibody

recognition.

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TITLE: Molecular mimicry in diabetes mellitus: The homologous domain in coxsackie B virus protein.

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LANGUAGE: English

AB It has been proposed that molecular mimicry between protein 2C (p2C) of coxsackie virus B4 and the autoantigen **glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD65) plays a role in the pathogenesis of insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM). In this study we show that

the amino acid **sequence** of p2C which shares homology with a **sequence** in GAD65 (PEVKEK), is highly conserved in coxsackie virus B4 isolates as well as in different viruses of the subgroup of coxsackie B-like enteroviruses. These are the most prevalent enteroviruses and therefore exposure to the mimicry motif will be a frequent event throughout life. Presentation of the homologous peptides by HLA molecules is essential for T-cell reactivity. Therefore, we tested whether the PEVKEK motif can bind to the IDDM-associated HLA-DR1, -DR3 and -DR4 molecules. Synthetic peptides with sequences derived from p2C and GAD65 did bind to HLA-DR3 but not to HLA-DR1 or -DR4. Replacement of amino

acids within the motif showed that the PEVKEK motif binds specifically to HLA-DR3. Moreover, both p2C and GAD65 peptides bind in the same position within the peptide binding groove of the DR3 molecule which is an essential requirement for T-cell cross-reactivity. The results support molecular mimicry between p2C of coxsackie B-like enteroviruses and GAD65.

However, this molecular mimicry may be limited to the HLA-DR3 positive sub-population of IDDM patients.

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TITLE: Determination of mRNA expression for IFN-gamma and IL-4 in lymphocytes from children with IDDM by RT-PCR technique.

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AB Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) is characterized by infiltration of T-lymphocytes in the islets of Langerhans. Antigens are presented to Th-lymphocytes which can be divided into Th1- and Th2-lymphocytes, producing interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma) and interleukin-4 (IL-4) respectively. The aim of our study was to determine the messenger-RNA (mRNA) for these cytokines by RT-PCR in antigen-stimulated lymphocytes from children with newly diagnosed IDDM. The expression of mRNA for IL-4, and to a lesser degree IFN-gamma, is increased in

lymphocytes stimulated with tetanus toxoid (TT). Loss of activity after freezing and thawing could be compensated for, by increased amplification,

while the use of EDTA or sodium heparin in the blood samples did not influence the results. In a pilot application, the lymphocytes from children with newly diagnosed IDDM were stimulated with a peptide of **glutamic acid decarboxylase** (GAD) (a.a. 247-279) known to have a similar aminoacid **sequence** as the Coxsackie B virus (a.a. 32-47). Increased IFN-gamma mRNA could be seen in two out of four children, whereas IL-4 showed a less pronounced mRNA expression. No increased mRNA expression for IFN-gamma and IL-4 could be seen in healthy HLA-matched controls. Further studies are needed to confirm whether increased IFN-gamma mRNA in Th1-like lymphocytes stimulated with this specific GAD-peptide play a role in the cell-mediated immune response seen in children early after the onset of IDDM.

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TITLE: Myeloma cell line expressing recombinant **human glutamic-acid-decarboxylase**;
recombinant autoantigen expression in SPG14 cell culture,
for use in insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus diagnosis

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AB A new myeloma cell line (e.g. SPG14) expresses a **human** recombinant glutamate-decarboxylase (EC-4.1.1.15) gene. The recombinant enzyme product may be purified and used in an immunoassay to detect anti-

human glutamate-decarboxylase antibodies, or may be used to immunize an animal for production of antibodies.

Glutamate-decarboxylase

is an autoantigen linked with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, and may be useful in diabetes diagnosis. The enzyme may also be used to investigate the steric structure of the enzyme, and bonding with autoantibodies. Enzyme-specific B-lymphocytes and T-lymphocytes may be used for adoptive immunotherapy of diabetes. Since glutamate-decarboxylase productivity of e.g. pig brain is low, production of the enzyme by recombinant methods allows recovery of mg quantities, which allows use of ELISA rather than RIA. In an example, the **human** GAD65 gene was amplified from a **human** pancreas cDNA library, and a 1.8-kb fragment was cloned in plasmid pBluescript and plasmid BCMGS-GAD, for expression in an Sp2/0 cell culture. (16pp)